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BIRTHS.

ARNOLD.—November 28, at her residence, Rockville, St. Georges East, the wife of W. M. Montague Arnold, of a daughter.

CARTER.—November 18, at her residence, Hawthorne, Summer Hill, a son, 1 lb. 10 oz., of a Mrs. Carter.

DEAN.—November 11, at her residence, 269, Riley-street, Berry Hill, Mrs. John V. Fingan, of a daughter.

HOAG.—November 27, at Mount-street, Ashfield, the wife of H. Staggs, Noumena, New Calabria, of a son.

HARRISON.—November 20, at her residence, Mrs. Harrison, of Liverpool, New York, of a daughter.

MATTHEWS.—November 27, at Bourke, the wife of George Matthews, of a son.

PHILLIPS.—November 29, 1885, at her residence, Cooma, the wife of F. Phillips, of a son.

RALETON.—November 27, at Farnham, Croydon, the wife of Alexander G. Raleton, of a son.

ROH.—November 28, at her residence, No. 60, William-street, the wife of H. E. Rohr, naturalist, of a daughter. Both going well.

ROOKE.—November 21, at her residence, 116, Gipps-street, Surry Hills, the wife of W. Roode, of a son.

WEINER.—November 20, 1885, at her residence, Cooma, the wife of Harry A. Whitehead, Cooma.

WILLIAMS.—November 25, at her residence, 50, Darling-street, Darlinghurst, Mrs. John Williams, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COOPER-CROSS.—November 24, at Weymouth, Wansell, by the Rev. Peter Cooper, John Cooper, of Cobham, Surrey, to Mary Louis, eldest daughter of Herbert Cross, of Cobham.

MAGEE.—August 18, 1885, at St. Patrick's Church, Redfern, by the Rev. Mr. Hayes, Robert W. Nash, only son of the late James Simpson Nash, London, to Jessie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson, of Redfern.

O'URIEN—DUNHOGH.—May 12, 1884, at St. Patrick's Church, by the Rev. F. Piquet, Mary Agnes, eldest daughter of Francis Brien, Sydney, to John Thomas Tamplin, eldest son of Francis Brien, deceased.

O'BRIEN—DONOGHUE.—November 24, at St. Patrick's Church, by Rev. F. Piquet, Catherine Cecilia, Mrs. John Brien, of Hills, to George Brien, youngest son of John and Mary Brien.

REED—MORSE.—November 21, by special license, at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. H. J. Campbell, Sydney, to Mrs. Reed, Mrs. George Morse, of a son, and Mrs. John Brien, of Hills, to Mrs. John Brien, of Hills, to George Morse, youngest son of John and Mary Brien.

ST. GEORGE—ATKINS.—October 29, 1885, at Christ Church, by the Rev. Mr. C. G. George, Mount Willans, New South Wales, to Mary, only daughter of Thomas Ayres, of Paddington, Sydney.

Deaths.

ADAMSON.—November 30, at her residence, Done-street, New Town, Mary, the beloved wife of Thos. Adamson, in his 86th year.

ANDERSON.—November 30, at her parents' residence, Paddington-street, Paddington, Anna, Adie, infant daughter of Wm. George and Anna, Anderson, aged 10 months.

BOYD.—November 28, at her residence, 10, Belgrave, Llewellyn, Fred, beloved Florence, Miriam, oldest beloved daughter of George and Eliza Jane Boyd, aged 8 years and 6 months.

BURTON.—November 26, drowned, Willi Breastham, aged 19, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John George, Darling Mills, Finsbury.

CAMPBELL.—November 27, at 11, George-street, Redfern, of pithitis, Albert William, the only and beloved son of Andrew Campbell, of Paddington.

ENGLAND.—November 26, at his residence, The Terrace, Brown and Cooper streets, Paddington, John England, in his 66th year.

FARRELL.—November 26, at his residence, 10, Belgrave, Llewellyn, Fred, beloved Florence, Miriam, oldest beloved daughter of George and Eliza Jane Boyd, aged 8 years and 6 months.

BURTON.—November 26, drowned, Willi Breastham, aged 19, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John George, Darling Mills, Finsbury.

SCHEDLER.—November 26, at his residence, 149, Woodlamb-street, Anna Maria, the beloved wife of Frederick Schedler, aged 21 years and 7 months, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Schedler, Mrs. Anna Maria, Mrs. John Schedler, and John Bell, of Sydney.

SWINSON.—November 20, William Gustaf, infant son of Captain Swinson and Martha Swinson, of 45, Mandarin-street, Miller's Point, aged 10 months.

WILSON.—At her daughter's residence, Rosebank, Parramatta-wood, Ashfield, the beloved wife of J. Wilson, aged 75 years.

In Memoriam.

GAPNEY.—In loving remembrance of my beloved wife, Mrs. Gapney, who died at her residence, 235, George-street, on 1st November, 1885.

WYN.—In loving remembrance of my wife, Jane Wyn, who died November 20, 1885. Thomas Wyn.

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quired; but when he intends to carry out in action what he has promised in words, the grounds of his action are known, and a re-statement of them is superfluous. If a member has to vote upon a question to which he stands unfettered by expressed opinion or pledge, an intelligent constituency will readily find in the debate upon it, even if he maintain silence, enough to account for his vote. When he has reasons to assign that have not been assigned by any one else, the statement of them may throw light upon the subject of debate, and so be justifiable as helping to determine other men's votes. But when the considerations that govern a member's vote have been set forth by other members, he really gains nothing even in the way of explanation to his constituents by travelling over the same ground again. If C. D. and E. F. vote that two and two make four, after a mathematical demonstration by A. B., their constituents will not be at loss to understand why they so voted, even if they exercise self-control and abstain from offering further proof in a roundabout and clumsy manner. Were debates in Parliament purged of all attempts to persuade by the repetition of arguments already used, and of all explanations that are unnecessary because the votes would carry their own explanation with them, public time would be saved, and there would be no sacrifice of effective discussion.

In many Parliamentary debates that extend to a week or thereabouts, the House arrives at a stage when it is plain that no gain will result from further discussion. The debate on the motion now before the Assembly has already lasted a week. The rival parties may have party reasons for closing it, or prolonging it. But can anybody say with truth that he believes that the vote to be given at last will be one whit better, or more intelligent, or more worthy of public approval, if it should be preceded by another week's debating? The whole question is before the Assembly. Sir JOHN ROBERTSON's amendment is as comprehensive as it can be. It invites everybody who distrusts the Government to vote against the Government, whatever the cause of his distrust may be, and without consideration of possible consequences. The attack has been conducted in two divisions. Sir JOHN ROBERTSON led with an assault upon the Land Act. That having been repulsed, Sir HENRY PARKER brought up the second column, with charges of unconstitutional conduct, financial mismanagement, and general incapacity. Other members have followed these main lines, separately or combined, and Mr. GARNETT, with that strategical ingenuity by which his action on the field of political conflict has always been distinguished, has managed a private attack on the enemy's rear by coming up with a second speech that covered the whole ground; and, though delivered fifty miles away, was as much an address to the House as if it had been given from the front bench of the Opposition. Is that speech to be replied to? Is that example to be followed? Are we now, on the eighth day of the debate, to witness a new departure,—a fusillade between members within and members without—an indefinite prolongation of the fight, by delivering and answering outside speeches?

This last piece of adroit strategy will perhaps open the eyes of new members to the character of the contest that is being carried on before them. They should understand the better now why the very name of "independent member" is an offence to some ears. It is only in a life-and-death struggle that men are reckless as to the weapons they use and the tactics they employ; and to those who are engaged in a political struggle of this sort may be inevitable; but whilst they are being fought out the public interest should not be forgotten. The public interest has nothing to gain, it can only lose, by unnecessarily prolonging the agony. This is the first day of the last month of the year, and the first step has not been taken to provide for the public service of the coming year. Whatever may be the party results of the approaching division, the public interest will suffer if the division be much longer delayed. If hon. members generally have not yet made up their minds how they will vote, it cannot be for want of opportunity and means for doing so. It is time that Parliament were ready to pass from preliminaries and to grapple with the urgent business of the country. This preliminary trial of strength has its urgency—no one disputes that. After the Pictor speech, the cry "Men, not measures," has a new meaning. But the urgent requirement in this case is that the division should be taken.

In regard to the English elections, which are creating so much excitement at home and abroad, it is exceedingly difficult to be wise before the event. About one half of the new members have yet to be elected, and a considerable number of the electorates which will make their choice during the present week have been created by the new Act. A few of the county elections have been held, but most of them have yet to come off, and it is by the county elections especially that the issue will be determined. The Reform Act has brought two millions of new voters into existence, and for the future as well as the present must will depend on the side they take. The Liberals are confident that the agricultural labourers will not forget that it is they who have been their benefactors, and that what they have lost in the towns they will gain in the country. Most of the Scotch as well as the Irish elections have to be held, and unless the dissatisfaction which is reported from the former country is deeper than we have been led to suppose, its returns will show a very large addition to the Liberal following. Scotland sends something like sixty members to the House of Commons, and, if we may judge of the future from the past, hardly half-a-dozen of these will be Tories. At present there is certainly no sign of a reaction in Scotland. So far as we are able to gather, neither Edinburgh nor Glasgow has returned a single Conservative. At Midlothian Mr. GLADSTONE has secured the magnificent majority of 4500, which is by far the largest that has yet been reported, and will probably turn out to be the largest during the campaign. In such a majority the Conservatives will not be able to find a proof that Scotland has ceased to believe in the great Liberal chief. The Irish vote is not likely to do very much for either party. On both sides of the

channel that vote will be given against the Liberals, but it does not follow that because it is against the Liberals it is for the Tories. Mr. PARVELL is playing for his own hand, and though for the moment he may side with the Tories in the new Parliament, he and his followers will support the party that will give them what they want. As to England, what has already been done is not calculated to yield abundant encouragement to either party. The result of the operations of the first two or three days was a clear Tory majority. On Friday and Saturday, however, there was a turn of the tide. At the close of the week, of 322 members returned, 156 were Conservatives and 167 Liberals; so that at the date of our last information the Liberals had a majority of twelve. Tomorrow may tell another story. The chief thing to be said about the contest at present is that it is the closest that has been witnessed for a long time past. Both in 1875 and in 1880 the question of who was to be victorious was settled before the battle was half over. But now we have a very different state of things. Thus far, the pendulum cannot be said to have moved to either side.

But, while it may be pointed out that nothing has yet happened to justify the expectation of a triumphant Tory majority, it must be admitted that in England, at all events, there are signs of a strong Tory reaction. The Conservatives, although not gaining all they will require, are gaining much that they had lost. The statement is that on Friday they had secured 72 seats from their adversaries, while the latter had not wrested more than 29 from them. The Conservatives were, therefore, to boast of a gain of 43 seats, which, at so early a stage, was very considerable one. A more significant circumstance is the rejection of so many Liberal members of ability and standing. Mr. CHADWICK has been beaten at Pontefract, and Mr. SHAW-LEFEVRE at Reading. Both were members of the late Cabinet, and the latter at least can ill be spared. The Liberals have also lost Mr. CHARLES RUSSELL, Mr. H. HOLMES, Mr. J. K. Clegg, the Hon. EVELYN ASHLEY, and Sir A. D. HAYTER, who were all prominent men. That the Tories have been successful at Liverpool, at Manchester, and in so many parts of London, will astonish no one. Liverpool has been Tory for many years past, and the city of London has always been Tory. But in the last Parliament Liverpool had one Liberal member and Manchester had two. The rejection of Mr. JACOB BEVAN by the latter, although not a serious business in itself, indicates the course of public opinion. As well as recovering the ground they had lost in their own centres, the Conservatives have successfully attacked some of the strongholds of their opponents. Leeds, which has generally been regarded as a Liberal town, returns two Liberals and three Conservatives, and Sheffield, where the prevailing sentiment has been supposed to be Liberal, does the same. At Lambeth, which was a Liberal constituency, and where Sir WILLIAM McARTHUR was at the bottom of the poll, the Tories have been victorious. At Chelsea, Sir CHARLES DILKE obtained what must be held to be a small majority. Even at Birmingham there is said to be an enormous increase in the Conservative vote, which, indeed, may be inferred from the fact that, although Lord R. CHURCHILL was beaten by Mr. JOHN BRIGHT, the majority for the latter was only about seven hundred. If we except Sir H. D. WOLFE, who can hardly be called a Conservative leader, Lord R. CHURCHILL is the only Tory of the first rank who seems to have been rejected, and a day or two after he was rejected by a small majority at Birmingham he was elected by an overwhelming one at Paddington. All this may be taken to be an indication of the direction of the stream of tendency. From it we may not conclude that the Tories will have even a working majority, but we may put it down as certain that they will greatly lessen their minority. In 1880 the Liberals led at the start, and at the close of the fray they were able to boast of a majority of 113. No such majority is likely to greet them at the end of the present contest. Amidst much that is uncertain, that may be taken to be certain.

For the troubles which threaten them, according to some, the Liberals have Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to thank. In the telegraph summary which we published yesterday it was stated that the cry of disestablishment which the Radical leaders in raising had driven the clergy over to the Conservative side. To what extent Mr. CHAMBERLAIN is responsible for the dispute into which the Liberal party has fallen, it is not possible to say. The clergy, who as a rule are Conservative, would probably have supported Lord SALISBURY with Mr. CHAMBERLAIN or without him. Other influences besides those which Mr. CHAMBERLAIN has been exerting have been making the Liberals unpopular. Still it is a remarkable fact that of the 167 Liberals who have been returned, hardly a score seem to be Radicals. The hope of the Radicals was that they would be strong enough to dictate to both Liberals and Tories. Some of their chiefs have been protesting against the giving of any quarter to the former or the latter. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN himself had not only his manifesto, but in some points at least his manifesto was an answer to that of Mr. GLADSTONE. But, unless the present week produces a surprise, the Radicals will not form a powerful group in the new House of Commons. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN has piped to the masses, but so far they have not danced.

"In memory of the departed, and for the use of the Church;" such, according to Dr. BARRY, are two of the objects of the memorial building to be erected at Bishop BARKER, the foundation-stone of which was laid by Sir ALFRED STEPHEN yesterday. The objects are worthy. No ecclesiastic colony has ever possessed more deserving of a memorial than the late Bishop of SYDNEY. Gentle in spirit, vigorous in administration, catholic in his sympathies, and possessing almost a unique faculty for organisation, he raised the Church of England in his diocese from a state of feeblehood into one of considerable strength and did much service to the cause of religion and morals throughout the country. The Church of England is much larger relatively to the population in New South Wales than it is either in Victoria or South Australia. Several reasons have been given in explanation of that fact. But probably Dr. BARKER's varied qualities, and especially his organisational faculty, had more to do with the fact than any of the other reasons which have been stated. At all events, none will deny that he was the chief instrument in establishing several bishoprics outside of Sydney, which have been potent factors in increasing the influence and developing the prosperity of the Church. A memorial having been decided on, no better could have been devised than the Chapter House now in course of erection on

the Cathedral grounds. The building, as Dr. BARKER has explained, will be of great value to cathedral work; and it is pleasant to find that simultaneous with the erection of this building vigorous measures are being taken to improve the cathedral service, and make it both attractive and profitable. The service of praise that was held last night was one of the results of these efforts, and the feeling was general amongst those who were present that it was full of promise in regard to the future. At the time since its erection has the cathedral been the source of influence it was expected it would be; but there is now a probability that it would be. The day's rainfall amounted to 0.793 inches.

This evening Cardinal Moran, accompanied by Bishop Murray of Maitland, and several other Roman Catholic prelates, will leave Sydney for Newcastle, at which place he will be presented with a gold pastoral cross, which has been subscribed for by the members of the Church. On Wednesday afternoon the party will leave Newcastle by train for Maitland, when a public reception will be accorded to the Cardinal, and a banquet will subsequently be given in honour of his visit to the town. The Cardinal and the bishops will be the guests of the Bishop of Maitland on Wednesday. On the following day the party purpose proceeding to Waratah, near Newcastle, where the foundation-stone of a new monastery for the Redemptorist Fathers will be laid by Cardinal Moran, the other prelates assisting at the ceremony. At the conclusion of the proceedings the Cardinal will return to Maitland, at which place he intends to remain until next Sunday.

The Supreme Court sittings commenced yesterday, when His Honor the Chief Justice and a special jury of 12 proceeded to try the issue as to fact in the will case Viviers and another v. Viviers and others. The defendants, who are the unmarried daughters of the late Wm. Viviers, of King's Plains, near Glen Innes, contested the will propounded by the plaintiffs, who are the executors and executrix on the ground that their father was not of sound mind when he executed it, and was under the coercion and undue influence of the executrix, their mother. The property involved is said to be worth £200,000. The testator made a will in 1884, by which all his children participated in it to the neglect of the municipal authorities. More curiously, however, it is due to the fact that a large number of raters have been unscrupulous or indifferent as to how they ought to act, and got out of their difficulty by not voting at all. Or it may be that they concluded that it was best to leave the whole matter in the hands of the Licensing Bench, and therefore it was inexpedient for them to offer an opinion. But there should be no great difficulty in coming to a decision. And as the opening of more public-houses where more are not established is almost certain to lower the position of the trade and encourage practices that lead to the worst results, the power now held by the raters may well be used to put a check to their increase. The two principles of limitation and abolition, however, do not rest on the same foundation; and, although we have instituted the experiment of allowing a direct popular vote to deal with the question of increase, that should not be suffered to commit the Legislature to extend the principle to renewals.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

There are 25 questions upon the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly for to-day, followed by a long list of notices of motion. The debate on the address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech will, however, take precedence of all other business, and will, in all probability, occupy the whole of the sitting. Mr. Garland, member for Cearcar, who moved the adjournment of the debate on Friday, will resume it to-day. The names of six or seven hon. members are mentioned as likely to speak, and if a division is arrived at it will probably be rather late in the night.

Last evening the members of the Reform Club gave the usual annual dinner to their president, Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., to celebrate the anniversary of his birthday. The chair was occupied by the vice-president of the club, the Hon. George Thornton, and the Hon. G. R. Dibbs was in the vice-chair. Sir Patrick J. K. C.M.G., Sir Alexander Stuart, the Hon. E. Baron, T. Slattery, and W. Halliday, Mr. W. Currow, Colonels Spalding and Airey, and about 60 other members were present. Amongst the guests were the Chief Justice (Sir James Martin), Admiral Tryon, Cardinal Moran, Captain Atwell Lake (commander of H.M.S. Nelson), the Hon. W. B. Dailey, and the Rev. Dr. O'Hara, D.D. The usual loyal and complimentary speeches were made, and the reception given to Sir John Robertson was most enthusiastic. Brilliant speeches were made, and the reception given to Sir John Robertson was most enthusiastic. The speeches were made by Sir James Martin, Admiral Tryon, and the Hon. W. B. Dailey. Apologies were received from 30 members of the club, who were unavoidably absent.

A CABINET meeting was held yesterday afternoon, but the business was not of any special importance. Only three Ministers were present—the Colonial Treasurer and Premier (Hon. G. R. Dibbs), Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir Patrick Jennings), and Minister for Justice (Hon. T. M. Slattery). Wires reference to the water supply for Sydney, to be brought from the Nepean by the temporary works constructed by Hudson Bros. and Co., the following telegram was received yesterday afternoon by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbour and Rivers:—"Water entered tank at Potts Hill at 3 o'clock. It is now entering along 22-inch pipe towards Botany."

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Savings Bank, the head office of which is in Barrack-street, it was decided, we are informed, to allow depositors interest on their deposits for the year ending 31st December, 1885, at the rate of 6 per cent. This will absorb a sum of £80,000, and it will be distributed among nearly 50,000 depositors.

CAPTAIN EVERILL and his party will leave Brisbane to-day per the steamer Elamang. They may be expected to arrive in Sydney on Thursday. It is probable that the Government steamer Thetis will convey the members of the Geographical Society down the Heads, in order to welcome the explorers back to Sydney.

The following telegram, addressed to the secretary of the society, having reference to the naming of the Strickland River, was received from Brisbane yesterday:—"The branch river ascended was named by me Strickland River, in honour of the president of the Sydney branch, and the chairman of the Melbourne Geographical Conference when the New Guinea Expedition was decided on. The name of the river was duly noticed in my journal, and was notified to party on the day we entered that branch." (Signed) H. C. EVERILL, leader of the New Guinea Expedition.

Further information concerning the work of the expedition is given in a telegram from Brisbane, published elsewhere.

This scientific collection made by the Geographical Society's expedition will probably be exhibited to the public immediately after the arrival of the expedition from Brisbane. The work was displayed in one of the principal rooms, and was not only of a very artistic character and exceedingly well done, but manifested great taste in design and colouring. It consisted of Hanoverian bead-work, chenille, arrasene, lace and crewel work, painting in oils and colours, parian marble, terra cotta, and numerous other classes requiring both skill and patience. The work was inspected by numerous visitors and friends of the pupils, and elicited great commendation. The entertainment was given in the schoolroom before a crowded audience, amongst whom were the following clergymen:—Very Rev. Deans Doyle and Curran, S.J.; Mr. McIntyre (of Parramatta), Corcoran (of Maitland), and Crowe (of Ashfield). The programme was exceedingly lengthy one, the various numbers being executed by the pupils only. It comprised choruses, solos, instrumental duets and quartettes, recitations, and a French tragedy, "Esther," the actors speaking that language with great fluency. The various numbers were satisfactorily rendered, several of the executants displaying considerable ability in the rendering of their parts. The exhibition and entertainment have been held somewhat earlier than usual this year, and will be followed, instead of being preceded by the examination.

A BALLOT for the election of aldermen and auditors for the city of Sydney will commence at 8 o'clock this morning, and will terminate at 4 o'clock this afternoon. In only four wards will contests take place, the candidates for the other four having been elected unopposed. For Bourke Ward, Mr. Alexander Dean and Mr. Isaac John Jefferson, have been nominated; for Coonawarra Ward, Mr. John Davies and Mr. Alan Joseph Riley; Fitzroy Ward, Mr. James Poole and Mr. Matthew Quinlan; and for Phillip Ward, Mr. Michael Fox and Mr. John Harris. Meares Dean and Poole are seeking re-election. The following nomination for the auditors have also been made: Mr. Joseph Carroll, Mr. W. J. Clarke, Mr. George Christy and Mr. Robert Gilligan. The polling places are:—For aldermen and auditors: Bourke Ward, District Court, King-street; Coonawarra Ward, Crown-street, reservoir; Fitzroy Ward, premises 163 and 165, Palmer-street; Phillip Ward, Phillip-street; Phillip Ward, Town Hall, George-street; Macquarie Ward, Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street; Denison Ward, premises 403, Sussex-street South. The local option vote will also be taken to-day in all the wards of the city.

The city yesterday was visited by two thunderstorms, accompanied by heavy rain and hail. The first occurred at about 11 a.m., when the thunder was very loud, and the lightning unusually vivid. Rain fell heavily in the city for about half-an-hour. Hail also fell, in some of the suburbs very heavily, some of the stones being as large as half-inch pieces. Rain showers fell afterwards until about 2 p.m., when there was a break. It was fine during the great part of the afternoon, but towards evening the clouds began to roll up again, and at about half past 5 there was a second heavy shower, with some thunder, but little or no lightning. At 8 p.m. there was another thunderstorm the lightning being intensely vivid and playing all over the sky, and the rain was heavy. After 9 o'clock the clouds began to disappear, and the remainder of the night was clear and cool. The day's rainfall amounted to 0.793 inches.

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This adjourned meeting of the subscribers to the Parramatta branch of the Patriotic Fund was held at the Council-chambers last night, to consider the proposal of the central committee as to the disposal of the fund. Fifteen subscribers were present, and Dr. Brown presided. Mr. S. J. Pearson moved, and Dr. Wangh seconded:—"That the resolution from the central committee be adopted and confirmed." Mr. John Taylor moved as an amendment, and Mr. W. T. Crews seconded:—"That the proposal of the central committee be not agreed to." After some discussion the amendment was negatived by ten votes to four, and the resolution was then adopted.

At an early hour yesterday morning a man named John England, 57 years of age, was found dead in bed at his residence, Brown-street, off Gleannmore-road, Paddington. Deceased had been suffering from paralysis, and had been attended to by Dr. Sabastian. On Sunday night he took some medicine and fell asleep. Some hours afterwards he was found to be dead. An inquest will be held at Hanmer's Hotel, corner of Gleannmore-road, Paddington.

On Saturday evening last a meeting was held at Tattersall's Hotel, Parramatta, to take steps to publicly recognise the service of Mr. James Garland, who for upwards of 18 years held the position of master of the Cumberland Band. Mr. H. Taylor, M.L.A., presided, and explained the object of the meeting, at the same time referring to the numerous charitable acts performed by the band during the many years Mr. Garland was its leader. Those present resolved to form themselves into a committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions for a fund to be called the Garland Testimonial Fund, and a secretary and treasurer having been appointed, a list was opened in the room and a considerable amount was subscribed. The meeting was adjourned to the 7th instant, on which date the lists will close.

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THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY'S EXPEDITION.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, MONDAY.

The following interesting narrative of the trip of the Geographical Society's Expedition to New Guinea has been obtained from an intelligent black sailor who had been one of the crew on board the Bonita:

"When we were going up the Fly River, we saw numbers of natives. They were scrappy and thin and wore no clothing, but were very friendly and came on board. Frequently they got plenty of tobacco and tomahawks from us; but they seemed poor creatures and not at all like the people we afterwards saw. I think the country was unproductive, and that necessarily made them poor. When we got up the Fly we came into a river going off to the right. At places it was a splendid stream, and we went up it. At places it was very wide and very deep, but at the same time we had to be very careful in navigating it. There were many sandbanks and banks of trees in the stream, showing that the river at times was subject to great floods. The country improved as we got higher up, but there was a nasty prickly scrub that prevented our going inland.

"The leaders did not seem to care to risk going on shore, because the natives were very numerous. The ground was so soft that when we tried to walk we sank up to our knees, whilst the natives seemed to experience no inconvenience. They were splendid men, bigger than ordinary white men, and, unlike the people down the Fly, they wore clothing. The men wear nice girdles made of grass around their waists, whilst the women wear leaves, their dress extending from the waist to near the knees. We did not kill many of them. Captain Everill often warned us not to shoot at them, unless for our own safety, and we did not. Of course, several times we were compelled to shoot at them because they attacked us in large numbers, but when they began to run we fired over their heads. It was very hard work to make friends with them; whenever we saw them they came only to fight. We tried to make friends with them, but it was no use; the only way we could make ourselves understood was by talking on our fingers.

"Mr. Frogget made friends with some of them and got native curiosities. The natives never attacked us at night; their attacks were made only during the daytime, and when the Bonita was stuck on the sandbank. It is not true that a great lot of them were killed. It was very hard work in the whaleboat about the Bonita stuck, but the natives were not so numerous. The reason the whaleboat party returned was that the provisions ran out.

At the highest point we got to up the river there was an abundance of water. The country to the left appeared flat, but on the right there were exceedingly high mountains. The party got some good specimens, most of which are on board the Bonita, but I do not think they found anything new.

"The timber appeared to be the most valuable discovery in the country. We saw both pine and cedar, and I heard some of the 'bosses' say that the timber would be very valuable for shipbuilding. I do not know anything about the mineral discoveries. I believe some silver or copper specimens were obtained, but I do not know for certain, as the 'bosses' kept all the discoveries to themselves.

"I do not know why they warned us not to have anything to say about what occurred in New Guinea. If any of the natives were killed, it could not be helped; the leaders of the party are by no means responsible, and all through wished to be kind to the natives. Perhaps the leaders found something which I don't know of, and want to keep it quiet.

"The health of the whole party was generally good, but the country abounds in wild fruits, principally figs, and some ate too much of them. The consequence was that they got sick and then thought that they were bad with fever because the climate was hot."

BRISBANE, MONDAY.

It is understood that Captain Everill emphatically denies the statement of natives having been killed by the exploration party in New Guinea. Dr. Haake also indignantly denies the rumour of an indiscriminate slaughter of the natives. The exploration party was attacked sometimes, and they had to defend themselves, but the attacks were mere skirmishes, and nothing serious. Dr. Haake says that he believes the party did not kill a single native. Captain Everill intends, before leaving here, to wait on the *Premier*, and thank him for the liberality shown by the colony, the deep interest taken in the welfare of the expedition, and the prompt action by the Thursday Islanders in despatching a relief party to New Guinea.

THE CONDEMNED MAN MATTHEW FRISKE.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

GRAFTON, MONDAY.

A public meeting, convened by the Mayor, was held in the School of Arts this evening to consider the steps to be taken to obtain a commutation of the sentence of the condemned man, Matthew Friske, whose execution has been fixed for December 10. On the platform were Rev. R. J. Beeson, Mayor; Mr. J. P. G. Todd, Esq., and Mr. J. P. Thompson, Esq.

It was agreed that he had convened the meeting on the 10th instant, and did not consider that any apology was necessary, as it was a case where the object appealed to their humanity. He found no fault with the verdict of the jury or with the sentence imposed by the judge. But he thought that the condemned man deserved a reprieve, and that the sentence of death should be exercised in order to spare the life of the condemned man. He stated further that if the meeting approved of the course proposed a petition should be presented praying for a reprieve.

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